

**Why are we doing a survey of marine recreational anglers in California departing from San Diego?**

- We know marine recreational angling is important to you, so we collect data that contributes to an improved conservation and management.
- Information from the survey contributes to a better understanding of the impacts of recreational fishing on the economies of coast communities and how those impacts may be affected by environmental or regulatory changes.
- This survey is a high priority for NOAA Fisheries and for the recreational fishing community, who have asked for more complete and updated economic information on marine recreational fishing.

**Who is included?**

- All anglers aboard recreational fishing vessels on trips to non-US waters are invited to participate.
- Respondents will be selected at Sportfish Landings in Point Loma and Mission Bay, San Diego.

**I am fishing in US waters, why am I not eligible.**

- A survey focusing on recreational fishing in US waters is being run simultaneously.

**When?**

The survey will run from January to December of 2016.

**What kinds of questions will be asked on the in-person survey after anglers disembark at the landing?**

Questions focus on the angler's most recent trip's expenses; including transportation, food/drink, and charter fees. Supplemental questions will be collect summary trip and demographic data.

**Why is it important for anglers to complete the survey?**

- The survey is a chance for marine anglers in California to help produce an updated, accurate illustration of how recreational fishing contributes to the economy of California.
- NOAA Fisheries will use the data collected to estimate the economic contributions of marine recreational fishing to the economy.
- Angler response is very important to acquire an accurate representation of the impact of sport fishing on the economy.
- Every angler's response is important, regardless of how much they fish or spend. In order for the results of this survey to be representative of all anglers, it is essential that each angler take the time to answer truthfully to survey questionnaire.
- It is important to answer every question for good statistical accuracy of the results. All sections of the survey are important in building an accurate representation of the economic contribution of the fishery.

**Are answers anonymous and confidential?**

- Yes: no name or contact information is collected; individual responses will not be published, but will be aggregated into summary statistics.

**How is the information used?**

- The data will be used to evaluate the economic impact of the recreational fishing industry.
- This information can be combined with other models to estimate the economic effects of fishing regulations, and the economic effects of changes in the ecosystem caused by natural or manmade events.
- The information gathered in the survey will contribute to more informed decisions on a variety of recreational fishing issues.

**When will the report be ready?**

We anticipate a summary report during the summer of 2017. Additional reports to follow.

